

who suffer from alopecia areata have significant psychological distress with anxiety and depression being commonly diagnosed.

- Because hair loss caused by alopecia areata can greatly affect a person's quality of life (especially women) and treatment is beyond the financial reach of most people, requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for hair prostheses, prescription drugs and approved medical devices is necessary for the treatment of alopecia areata.**
- Insurance coverage of alopecia areata would give hope to patients, especially those living with widespread hair loss.**

I therefore ask for a favorable report on SB75.

Sincerely,



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